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REVIEW OF THERMAL AND HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review and revive sick thermal and hydro power projects in the country particularly Mencon Rile Bank Thermal and Hydro Power Projects in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to these power projects during the last three years; and

(d) the amount spent out of it on each of the power project and the present status of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The Government of India is seized of the need to rehabilitate old thermal and hydel stations by undertaking Renovation & Modernisation (R&M). The Government undertook the R&M of old thermal power stations to improve their performance, efficiency and availability way back in 1984. A Centrally Sponsored Programme called as Phase-I of R&M was launched in the year 1984-85 which covered 34 thermal power stations comprising 163 units with an estimated cost of Rs. 1165 crores. Phase-II R&M Programme covering 44 thermal power stations was also taken up for implementation in 1990-91 with an estimated cost of Rs. 2383 crores. Similarly, Hydel stations are also being taken up for Renovation, Modernisation and Uprating. However, the power projects, namely, Mencon Rile Bank Thermal and Hydro Power stations in Bihar are not covered under the R&M programme. The following hydel schemes of DVC located in Bihar/West Bengal are in progress:

Schemes	Estimated cost (Rs.in Crore)	Exp. MW	Benefits MU	Schedule of Completion
Maithon (3x20 MW) (Rev.39.00)	17.34	60	137	2002-03
Panchet (1x40 MW)	2.17	40	87	2001-02

(c) : No Central fund allocation for R&M schemes is being made. However, Central Government is providing support to PFC to provide loan at concessional rate of interest to SEBs/Power Utilities for R&M schemes. In order to given a fillip to the R&M programme, the Government has announced a new scheme for providing assistance to the State Utilities. Under this scheme, additional Central Plan Assistance of Rs. 1,000 crores to State Governments and Union Territories during 2000-2001 for undertaking investments on R&M of old and inefficient plants and for strengthening the distribution system, has been provided.

(d) : The status of R&M Phase-II of Thermal Power Stations is given in Annexure-I and the status in respect of Hydro Power Stations is given in Annexure-II & III.